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SUBJECT: ITU BROADCASTING SATELLITE CONFERENCE

REFS: (A) USBER 2025; (B) BONN 16035

1. AS REPORTED IN REF B, FRG PLANS TO SUBMIT BY OCT. 15
ITS FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR SATELLITE
BROADCAST NEEDS BY OCTOBER 15. FRG INTENDS TO ESTABLISH
A LINE FAR ENOUGH TO THE EAST TO
COVER BERLIN NEEDS AS WELL.

2. UK BONN GROUP REP (HITCH) INFORMS US THAT
HE HAS NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE FRG
REQUEST, MADE IN THE BONN GROUP, FOR ALLIED REACTIONS TO
THE FRG PROPOSAL. WHILE UK DOES WISH FRG TO REPRESENT
THE INTERESTS OF WEST BERLIN AT THE JANUARY CONFERENCE,
THE FREQUENCY EXPERTS IN THE HOME OFFICE BELIEVE THAT
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THE FRG PROPOSAL IS SO FAR OUT-OF-LINE THAT IT IS LIKELY

TO WRECK THE CONFERENCE. THE HOME OFFICE NOTES THAT
CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ARE CALLED UPON TO MAKE
THEIR NEEDS AS RESTRICTIVE AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID
INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, AND THAT A LINE
DRAWN AS PROPOSED BY THE FRG WOULD COVER LARGE PORTIONS
OF THE GDR AND PART OF POLAND AS WELL. THE FCO TENDS TO
SUPPORT THE HOME OFFICE POSITION. HITCH IS THUS
INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE FRG THAT THE BRITISH OPPOSE
THE FRG PROPOSAL, NOT ON GROUNDS OF REPRESENTATION OF
BERLIN'S INTERESTS BUT FOR TECHNICAL REASONS.

3. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE FRENCH REP, BUT
HITCH INFORMS US THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE FRENCH ALSO
HAVE NEGATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

4. COMMENT: THE UK WILL RAISE THE MATTER AT NEXT
WEEK'S BONN GROUP MEETING (OCT. 12). IF POSSIBLE, WE
WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS OR GUIDANCE
BEFORE THEN.
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